

Minutes

FREMONT SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Friday, January 28, 2022

9:30 – 11:00 am

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Commissioner Young called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Chapman, Desai, Hamze, Helton, Narasimhan, Yamasaki & Young

Absent: Commissioner Helmand

Excused:

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

- All Present saluted the flag

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2021

- Commissioner Desai made a motion and Commissioner Narasimhan seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the November 19, 2021 meeting as presented.
- M/S/P

Yay: Commissioners Chapman, Desai, Helton, Narasimhan, Yamasaki & Young

Nay: None

Abstain: None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Desai announced that his last meeting with the Senior Commission will probably be the April 29, 2022 meeting. He and his wife will be leaving Fremont sometime in May.

- Guest, Rebecca Grewal introduced herself. She is new to the area and may want to apply to the Senior Citizens Commission.
- Guest, Claudette Surma introduced herself. She is interested in serving on the Senior Citizens Commission and has already submitted her application to the City Clerk’s office.

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Age-Friendly Fremont, January 2022
 - Emailed and mailed on January 3, 2022

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND AARP AGE-FRIENDLY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Karen Grimsich, Administrator

- Karen Grimsich gave an update on the “Housing for Seniors” domain.
- Karen shared information on Covia (now called “Front Porch”) an organization that Human Services has partnered with since 2016.
 - Karen explained what this program is and exactly how it works and how it has been impacted by the pandemic.
- Karen also shared information on housing that is presently available for older adults and housing that will be coming (some of which will be subsidized housing) for older adults.

7.2 FY 2022-2025 SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT PROCESS –

Leticia Leyva, Management Analyst II

- Leticia & Guadalupe shared that the grant request applications are due by 5 pm today (1/28).
- The purpose of them being at the meeting today is to guide the commissioners through the step-by-step process of “Zoom Grants”.
- It was verified that each of the commissioners have their log-in for Zoom Grants
- After walking through Zoom Grants, the rest of the process was explained to the commissioners (interviews, discussions, decision making).
- It was suggested by Commissioner Desai that there be one 2-hour special meeting vs. two 1-hour meetings to make final decisions on funding.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Calendar for 2022 – Chair, Commissioner Young

- The 2022 meeting calendar was presented to the commission.
- Commissioner Desai made a motion and Commission Narasimhan seconded the motion to accept the 2022 calendar as presented.
- M/S/P

Yay: Commissioners Chapman, Desai, Helton, Narasimhan, Yamasaki & Young

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Encl: 2022 Meeting Calendar

8.2 Vote for new Chair and Vice-Chair – Chair, Commissioner Young

- Chair, Commissioner Young asked for nominations for the Chair.
- Commissioner Yamasaki nominated Commissioner Chapman for the Chair.
 - Commissioner Chapman accepted the nomination.
- Being that there were no additional nominations, Chair, Commissioner Young closed the nominations and called for the vote.
- Commission Chapman was unanimously elected to be the Chair for 2022.

Yay: Commissioners Chapman, Desai, Helton, Narasimhan, Yamasaki & Young

Nay: None

Abstain: None

- Chair, Commissioner Young asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair.
- Commissioner Chapman nominated Commissioner Yamasaki.
 - Commissioner Yamasaki declined the nomination.
- Commissioner Young nominated Commissioner Narasimhan.
 - Commissioner Narasimhan declined the nomination.
- Commission Chapman nominated Commissioner Young.
 - Commissioner Young accepted the nomination.
- Being that there were no additional nominations, Chair, Commissioner Young closed the nominations and called for the vote.

- Commissioner Young was unanimously elected to be the Vice-Chair for 2022.

Yay: Commissioners Chapman, Desai, Helton, Narasimhan, Yamasaki & Young

Nay: None

Abstain: None

9. COMMISSION REPORTS

- Senior Legislation – Commissioner Ashok Desai
 - Commissioner Desai shared a verbal report of new and on-going senior legislation.
 - It was also announced that AARP will not be doing taxes in South County this year.

10. COMMISSION REFERRALS

None

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Aging and Family Services – Karen Grimsich, Administrator AFS

- Reviewed projects in AFS
 - Working with EMS (911) at the county level and Washington Hospital to start sharing data of older adults that have called 911 multiple times so social workers can do follow-up.
 - Karen gave an update on increased MSSP funding from the state and how these changes will impact staffing within the Human Services AFS.
 - Karen gave updated information on Alameda Alliance and the new CalAIM restructuring of MediCal services.
 - Karen shared that the Afghan Elderly Association Founding Executive Director Najia Hamid retired in December. The new Executive Director is Hamida Obeid.

11.2 Age Well Centers – Aisha Jasper, Age Well Centers Manager

- Shared some information from the February 2022 newsletter as well as new groups and classes at both centers.

- Announced that the Crab Feed will be drive-thru again this year. The cost is \$75/meal due to increase cost of crab.

11.3 Transportation – Shawn Fong, HS Management Analyst II

- Shawn gave a quick update on Transportation Programs.
 - A chart was shared that showed the statistics for each program FY20/21 and FY21/22.
 - Shawn pointed out that the totals for this fiscal year are up significantly from the same point last year at mid-year. The only one that did not go up significantly was TNC Call Center.

It was noted that Commissioner Hamze was not on the meeting as a panelist and therefore could not participate in any votes that were taken during the meeting.

12.COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.
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Respectfully submitted by Lynn R Hood, Recording Secretary